

ORDER AND OPINION

amount of time Counsel spent on the case. (*See* ECF Nos. 23, 23-1, 23-3, 23-4.)

In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant and are subject to the Treasury Offset Program, 31 U.S.C. § 3716 (2006). Therefore, the court directs that the fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Counsel. The amount of attorney's fees payable to Counsel will be the balance of attorney's fees remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 3716. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of attorney's fees, the amount of attorney's fees will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney's fees shall be paid. (ECF No. 25 at 1–2.)

The court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 23) and awards Plaintiff \$3,731.85 in attorney's fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

May 19, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina